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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

AMBER FOX, an individual,	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
v.	) Civil	Action No.:
COLLECTO, INC. d/b/a EOS CCA, a Corporation,	)	
Defendant.	)	

#### COMPLAINT

COMES NOW the Plaintiff, by and through counsel, in the above styled cause, and for Plaintiff's Complaint against the Defendant states as follows:

1. This action arises out of Defendant's repeated violations of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq. ("FDCPA"), and out of state law violations and out of the invasions of Plaintiff's personal and financial privacy by the Defendant and its agents in their illegal efforts to collect a consumer debt from Plaintiff.

#### **PARTIES**

- 2. Plaintiff Amber Fox (hereinafter "Plaintiff") is a natural person who is a resident of Alabama, and is a "consumer" as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(3).
- 3. Defendant Collecto, Inc. d/b/a EOS CCA, ("Defendant" or "Collecto") is a foreign debt collection firm that engages in the business of debt collection. It conducts business in Alabama. Its principal place of business is the State of Massachusetts and it is incorporated in Massachusetts.
- 4. The collection letter sent to Plaintiff was from EOS CCA with the address of 700 Longwater Drive, Norwell, MA.

- 5. The website of EOS CCA has the address of 700 Longwater Drive, Norwell, MA and can be accessed at http://www.eos-cca.com/EOSCCACompanies/tabid/181/Default.aspx and shows Collecto, Inc. d/b/a EOS CCA.
- 6. The Secretary of the Commonwealth, Corporations Division of Massachusetts shows the registered agent for Collecto, Inc. as Paul E. Leary, Jr. at 700 Longwater Drive, Norwell, MA.

## **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

- 7. Plaintiff allegedly incurred a financial obligation that was primarily for personal, family or household purposes and is therefore a "debt" as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(5).
- 8. Supposedly, Defendant purchased or was assigned or otherwise was collecting the debt and began harassing collection activities against Plaintiff.
- 9. Defendant Collecto contacted Plaintiff's mother, grandmother and mother-in-law and communicated in an attempt to collect the debt in violation of the FDCPA.
- 10. Defendant Collecto sent a letter to Plaintiff's address and two (2) days later sent a letter addressed to Plaintiff at Plaintiff's grandmother's house.
- 11. Plaintiff told Defendant not to call Plaintiff's relatives and to remove Plaintiff's relatives' numbers and addresses from the Defendant's records.
- 12. Plaintiff told Defendant that she does not and has never lived at her grandmother's house.
- 13. Before contacting the third parties, Defendant had Plaintiff's location information, and therefore had no reason to contact third parties concerning the alleged debt.
- 14. Additionally, Defendant revealed details of the debt to the third parties and/or requested the third parties to communicate with the Plaintiff all of which are illegal.

- 15. Defendant's communication with third parties caused damage to the Plaintiff.
- 16. These activities are illegal.
- 17. Defendant knew it could not legally contact third parties and could not reveal the collection activities against Plaintiff but illegally did so anyway.
- 18. Plaintiff never gave permission or consent to Defendant making third party disclosures.
- 19. Plaintiff could not have prevented Defendant's illegal third party disclosures.
- 20. There was no valid reason to contact the third party or parties.
- 21. Defendant's misconduct caused damage to the Plaintiff.
- 22. The Defendant's misconduct was designed to harm the Plaintiff as Defendant acted with full knowledge of the damage this type of invasion of privacy will cause.
- 23. Defendant was successful in its plan, scheme, design, and did in fact cause severe damages to Plaintiff.
- 24. This misconduct is specifically condemned in the FDCPA due to the severe harm it causes.
- 25. This was very distressing and upsetting to the Plaintiff.
- 26. The volume and type of collection calls and activities were harassing as the intent and motive behind them was to harass Plaintiff into paying Defendant.
- 27. Defendant refused to give all required information and disclosures during its collection activities.

#### **SUMMARY**

- 28. All of the above-described collection communications made to third parties by Defendant and collection agents of Defendant were made in violation of numerous and multiple provisions of the FDCPA.
- 29. The above-detailed conduct by this Defendant of harassing Plaintiff in an effort to collect this debt was a violation of numerous and multiple provisions of the FDCPA, as well as an invasion of Plaintiff's privacy by an intrusion upon seclusion and by revelation of private financial facts and resulted in actual damages to the Plaintiff.
- 30. The collection calls by Defendant and its agents caused Plaintiff enormous stress and anguish as a result of these calls.
- 31. Defendant's contact with third parties was an invasion of Plaintiff's privacy and right to financial privacy.
- 32. Defendant's repeated attempts to collect this debt from Plaintiff and refusal to stop violating the law and to stop calling third parties was an invasion of Plaintiff's privacy and Plaintiff's right to be left alone.
- 33. Defendant's illegal abusive collection communications as more fully described above were the direct and proximate cause of severe emotional distress on the part of Plaintiff and caused Plaintiff unnecessary distress.
- 34. Plaintiff has suffered actual damages as a result of these illegal collection communications by this Defendant in the form of anger, anxiety, emotional distress, fear, frustration, damage to reputation, upset, humiliation, embarrassment, amongst other negative emotions, as well as suffering from unjustified and abusive invasions of personal privacy, and loss of money which was due to the illegal conduct of Defendant.

#### RESPONDEAT SUPERIOR LIABILITY

- 35. The acts and omissions of Defendant's agents who communicated with Plaintiff as more further described herein, were committed within the line and scope of their agency relationship with their principal the Defendant.
- 36. The acts and omissions by these other debt collectors were incidental to, or of the same general nature as, the responsibilities these agents were authorized to perform by Defendant in collecting consumer debts.
- 37. By committing these acts and omissions against Plaintiff, these other debt collectors were motivated to benefit their principal the Defendant.
- 38. Defendant is therefore liable to Plaintiff through the doctrine of Respondeat Superior for the wrongful, intentional, reckless, and negligent acts, errors, and omissions done in violation of state and federal law by its collection employees, including but not limited to violations of the FDCPA and Alabama tort law, in their attempts to collect this debt from Plaintiff.

#### NEGLIGENT AND WANTON HIRING AND SUPERVISION

39. Defendant negligently and/or wantonly hired, retained, or supervised incompetent debt collectors and is thereby responsible to the Plaintiff for the wrongs committed against Plaintiff and the damages suffered by Plaintiff.

#### **CAUSES OF ACTION**

#### COUNT I.

# VIOLATIONS OF THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT 15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq.

- 40. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all of the above paragraphs of this Complaint as though fully stated herein.
- 41. The acts and omissions of Defendant and its agents constitute numerous and multiple violations of the FDCPA with respect to the Plaintiff, including but not limited to: 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692c; 1692c(a)(1); 1692c(b); 1692d; 1692d(5); 1692d(6); 1692e; 1692e(2); 1692e(11); 1692e(14) and 1692f.
- As a result of Defendant's violations of the FDCPA, Plaintiff is entitled to actual damages pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(1); statutory damages in an amount up to \$1,000.00 pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(2)(A); (2) actual and compensatory damages; and, (3) reasonable attorney's fees and costs pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(3), from Defendant.

#### COUNT II.

#### INVASION OF PRIVACY

- 43. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all of the paragraphs of this Complaint as though fully stated herein.
- 44. State law recognizes Plaintiff's right to be free from invasions of privacy and Defendant violated state law as described in this Complaint.
- 45. Congress explicitly recognized a consumer's inherent right to privacy in collection matters in passing the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, when it stated as part of its findings:

Abusive debt collection practices contribute to the number of personal bankruptcies, to marital instability, to the loss of jobs, and to invasions of individual privacy.

15 U.S.C. § 1692(a) (emphasis added).

46. Congress further recognized a consumer's right to privacy in financial data in passing the Gramm Leech Bliley Act, which regulates the privacy of consumer financial data for a broad range of "financial institutions" including debt collectors (albeit without a private right of action), when it stated as part of its purposes:

It is the policy of the Congress that <u>each financial institution has an</u> <u>affirmative and continuing obligation to respect the privacy of its</u> <u>customers</u> and to protect the security and confidentiality of those customers' nonpublic personal information.

15 U.S.C. § 6801(a) (emphasis added).

- 47. Defendant and/or its agents intentionally, recklessly, and/or negligently interfered, physically or otherwise, with the privacy, solitude, seclusion and or private concerns or affairs of the Plaintiff, namely, by and unlawfully attempting to collect a debt and thereby invaded Plaintiff's privacy.
- 48. Defendant also intentionally, recklessly, and/or negligently interfered, physically or otherwise, with the solitude, seclusion and or private concerns or affairs of the Plaintiff, namely, by making illegal contact about this debt to third parties, and thereby invaded Plaintiff's right to financial privacy.
- 49. Defendant and its agents intentionally, recklessly, and/or negligently caused emotional harm to Plaintiff by engaging in highly offensive conduct in the course of collecting this debt, thereby invading and intruding upon Plaintiff's right to privacy.
- 50. Plaintiff had a reasonable expectation of privacy in Plaintiff's solitude, seclusion, private concerns or affairs, and private financial information.

- 51. The conduct of this Defendant and its agents, in engaging in the above-described illegal collection conduct against Plaintiff, exceeds the bounds of reasonableness and resulted in multiple intrusions and invasions of privacy by this Defendant which occurred in a way that would be highly offensive to a reasonable person in that position.
- 52. As a result of such intrusions and invasions of privacy, Plaintiff is entitled to actual damages in an amount to be determined at trial from Defendant.
- 53. All acts of Defendant and its agents and/or employees were committed with malice, intent, wantonness, and/or recklessness and as such Defendant is subject to punitive damages.

#### COUNT III.

# NEGLIGENT, WANTON, AND/OR INTENTIONAL HIRING AND SUPERVISION OF INCOMPETENT DEBT COLLECTORS

- 54. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all of the paragraphs of this Complaint as though fully stated herein.
- 55. Defendant negligently, wantonly, and/or intentionally hired, retained, or supervised incompetent debt collectors, who were allowed or encouraged to violate the law as was done to Plaintiff, and is thereby responsible to the Plaintiff for the wrongs committed against Plaintiff and the damages suffered by Plaintiff.

#### COUNT IV

## NEGLIGENT, WANTON, AND INTENTIONAL CONDUCT

- 56. All paragraphs of this Complaint are expressly adopted and incorporated herein as if fully set forth herein.
- 57. Defendant acted with negligence, malice, wantonness, recklessness, and/or intentional conduct in its dealings with and about Plaintiff as set forth in this Complaint.

- 58. Defendant violated all of the duties Defendant had and such violations were made intentionally, willfully, recklessly, maliciously, wantonly, and negligently.
- 59. It was foreseeable, and Defendant did in fact foresee it, the actions of the Defendant would lead and did lead to the exact type of harm suffered by Plaintiff.
- 60. Defendant acted with negligence, malice, wantonness, recklessness, and/or intentional conduct in its dealings with and about Plaintiff.
- 61. Defendant invaded the privacy of Plaintiff as set forth in Alabama law.
- 62. Such negligence, malice, wantonness, recklessness, willfulness, and/or intentional conduct proximately caused the damages set forth in this complaint.
- 63. As a result of this conduct, action, and inaction of Defendant, Plaintiff has suffered damage as set forth in this Complaint.

#### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays that judgment be entered against Defendant:

#### COUNT I.

# VIOLATIONS OF THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT 15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq.

- for an award of actual damages pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(1) against Defendant;
- for an award of statutory damages of \$1,000.00 pursuant to 15 U.S.C.
   §1692k(a)(2)(A) against Defendant;
- for an award of costs of litigation and reasonable attorney's fees pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §
   1692k(a)(3) against Defendant.
- for such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

#### COUNT II.

#### INVASION OF PRIVACY

- for an award of actual damages from Defendant for the all damages including emotional distress suffered as a result of the intentional, reckless, and/or negligent invasions of privacy in an amount to be determined at trial for Plaintiff;
- punitive damages; and
- for such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

#### COUNT III.

# NEGLIGENT, WANTON, AND/OR INTENTIONAL HIRING AND SUPERVISION OF INCOMPETENT DEBT COLLECTORS

- for an award of actual damages from Defendant for all damages including emotional distress suffered as a result of the intentional, reckless, and/or negligent hiring and supervision of incompetent debt collectors and intentional, reckless, and/or negligent violations of state law in an amount to be determined at trial for Plaintiff;
- · punitive damage; and
- for such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

#### COUNT IV.

#### NEGLIGENT, WANTON, AND INTENTIONAL CONDUCT

- for an award of actual damages from Defendant for the all damages including emotional distress suffered as a result of the intentional, reckless, and/or negligent violations of state law in an amount to be determined at trial for Plaintiff;
- punitive damages; and
- for such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ John G. Watts

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## Serve defendant via certified mail at the following address:

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EFFERSON COUNTRY

AMBER FOX, an individual,	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
v.	) Civil Action No.:	
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Defendant.	)	

PLAINTIFF'S INTERROGATORIES, REQUESTS FOR ADMISSION, REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS, AND REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF STATEMENTS TO DEFENDANT COLLECTO, INC. d/b/a EOS CCA

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that pursuant to the Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff propounds the following discovery interrogatories and requests:

#### INSTRUCTIONS

Any references to "Defendant", "Defendants", "Defendant's" or "Defendant(s)" shall be treated as referring to each and every Defendant named within this lawsuit, individually and collectively, as may be appropriate. As used in these interrogatories and requests, any references indicating the use of masculine or feminine and any references indicating the use of singular or plural, shall be used interchangeably.

If any objection is made to any of the following interrogatories or discovery requests, the Defendants shall make any such objection and state the relevant legal basis for such objection. If any objection is made based upon a claim of privilege as to any response, Defendants shall state the legal basis for the privilege Defendants are invoking and provide a detailed privilege log to support the invocation of such privilege.

Each and every interrogatory and discovery request herein is deemed continuing in nature pursuant to the Rules of Civil Procedure, and Defendants are obligated to seasonably amend and provide any updated information that renders the responses to one or more of these interrogatories and discovery requests, incomplete or inaccurate, and serve those amended responses upon the undersigned Plaintiffs' counsel.

As used in these interrogatories and discovery requests, the term "document" or "documents" means every writing or recorded material of every type and description, of any kind, that is in the possession, control or custody of Defendants, which Defendants have knowledge, whether originals, copies or facsimiles. Such writings or recordings include, but are not limited to, collection notes, electronic computer collection records, printouts of collection records, sample collection letters, Metro-data tapes, diskettes, computer hard drives, tape backups, Zip-type disks, magnetic media of any kind, CD-ROM, DVD, correspondence, memoranda, stenographic notes, handwritten notes, contracts, documents, rough drafts, inter-office memoranda, memoranda for the files, letters, research materials, logs, diaries, forms, bank statements, tax returns, card files, books of account, journals, ledgers, invoices, diagrams, minutes, manuals, studies, publications, pamphlets, pictures, films, voice recordings, reports, surveys, minutes, statistical compilations, data processing cards, computer records, tapes, print-outs, agreements, communications, state and federal governmental hearings, reports, correspondence, telegrams, memoranda, summaries or records of telephone conversations, summaries or records of personal conversations or interviews, diaries, graphs, notebooks, note charts, charts, plans, drawings, sketches, maps, summaries or records of meetings or conferences, summaries or reports of investigations or negotiations, opinions or reports of consultants, photographs, video tape, motion picture film. digital photographs, brochures, advertisements, circular, press releases, drafts, any marginal comments appearing on any document, all other writings, books of all nature and kind whether handwritten, typed, printed, mimeographed, photocopied or otherwise reproduced, all tape recordings (whether for computer, audio, or visual replay) and all other written, printed, and recorded matter or tangible things upon which words, phrases, symbols or information of any kind are recorded, encrypted or otherwise stored.

A request to "identify" a document is a request to state the following, as applicable:

- The date of the document;
- b. The type of document;
- c. The names and present addresses of the person or persons who prepared the document and of the signers and addressors of the document;
- d. The name of the employer or principal whom the signers, addressers and preparers were representing;
- e. The present location of the document;
- f. The name and current business and home addresses of the present custodian of the original document, and any copies of it;
- g. A summary of the contents of the document; and
- If the original document was destroyed, the date and reason for or circumstances under which it was destroyed.

Plaintiff requests that the documents be made available for this inspection at the offices of counsel for Plaintiff at The Kress Building 301 Nineteenth Street North, Birmingham, Alabama 35203.

These interrogatories and discovery requests are intended to cover all documents in Defendants' possession, or subject to their custody and control, regardless of location. If there

are no such documents, please so state. If there are such documents, please list and mark appended documents responsive to each request. (Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 34(b)).

Each interrogatory propounded herein should be answered upon Defendants entire knowledge from all sources and all information in Defendants' possession or otherwise available to Defendant, including information from Defendants' officers, employees, agents, representatives or consultants and information which is known by each of them. An incomplete or evasive answer is deemed a failure to answer.

If any answer is qualified, Defendants shall state specifically the terms of each qualification and the reasons for it. If an interrogatory cannot be answered in full, state the part which can be answered and answer the same in full to the extent possible; state further and specifically the reason(s) why the remainder cannot be answered.

If any interrogatory may be answered fully by a document, the document may be attached in lieu of an answer if the document is marked to refer to the Interrogatory to which it responds.

For purpose of these requests, a statement is (a) a written statement signed or otherwise adopted or approved by the person making it, or (b) stenographic, mechanical, electrical, or other recording, or a transcription thereof, which is a substantially verbatim recital of an oral statement by the person making it and contemporaneously recorded.

Unless otherwise stated all discovery requests cover a time period of three (3) years prior to the filing of the suit to the day the Defendant responds to the discovery.

#### INTERROGATORIES

Pursuant to Rule 33 of the Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff requests that Defendant(s) answer, under oath, the following interrogatories:

- 1. For each individual person, officer, employee, agent, or other entity answering or providing any information used by Defendants to answer any Interrogatory, state the following:
  - a. First, last, and middle legal name;
  - b. All DBA, fake, or alias name(s) used by this person;
  - c. Job title or capacity;
  - d. Business address and telephone number;
  - e. Home address and telephone number;
  - f. Age;
- 2. Identify each document referred to or consulted by Defendants in the preparation of the Answers to these Interrogatories and discovery requests made within this entire document.
- 3. State the basis for your affirmative defense of bona fide error and identify all documents and witnesses that support your claim.
- 4. Identify all persons known to Defendants to have personal knowledge of any facts or issues involved in this lawsuit, state the following:
  - a. First, last, and middle legal name;
  - b. All DBAs, fake, or alias name(s) used by this person;
  - c. Job title or capacity;
  - d. Business address and telephone number;
  - e. Home address and telephone number;
  - f. Age;

- g. State the general substance of each person's knowledge.
- 5. Identify and describe with particularity all training that Defendants provide or receive, in the area of debt collection activities, including but not limited to:
  - a. The training content, timing, and duration;
  - b. All documents and audio or visual materials used in such training; and
  - c. Each person involved in providing such training.
- 6. Identify and describe all documents, manuals, instructions, checklists, memorandum, restrictions or other documentation or instructions that Defendants or Defendant's employees or agents are given, read, review, or otherwise use, regarding the collection of debts.
- 7. Identify and describe Defendants' disciplinary policy/policies for violating state and federal debt collection laws, and for violating other state or federal laws in the course of collecting debts of any kind.
- Identify and describe any and all documents that describe, record, or establish Defendants'
  methods and techniques used to collect debts.
- 9. Identify and describe fully any and all computerized, mechanical, manual, or other system(s) that Defendants use, maintain, or operate to record any and all mail, telephone, in-person, or other forms of communications, or attempted communications, with persons or other third parties in connection with the collection of accounts, and Defendants' policies and procedures for operating such a system of records.
- 10. Identify whether any or all of the Defendants electronically record telephone calls by any means with any persons and what steps are taken to preserve these recordings.

- 11. Identify whether any or all of the Defendants recorded any telephone call with the Plaintiffs and whether or not these recordings have been preserved, and the current location and/or disposition of these recordings.
- 12. Identify the original creditor of the alleged debt that Defendants were trying to collect from Plaintiff and provide the original creditor's full legal name, address, city, state and zip code, and telephone number.
- 13. In the form of a chronology, identify and describe in detail and with particularity, the process, events, and circumstances under which the debt allegedly owed by Plaintiff was originated, referred, placed or otherwise assigned to the Defendants for collection, identifying all documents relevant to, related to, or reflecting such referral, placement or assignment.
- 14. Identify and describe each communication, or attempted communication, between the Defendants and the Plaintiff, or any other person, which is in any way related to the Plaintiff's alleged debt, by stating the following:
  - a. The name of the individual initiating communication;
  - b. The name of the person and/or description of the person to whom the communication was directed;
  - c. The date and time of the communication;
  - d. The method of the communication (e.g. letter, phone call, in-person, autodialer, pre-recorded message, predictive dialer, etc);
  - e. A detailed description of the substance of the communication, (do not simply refer to collection notes);
  - f. Identification of all witnesses to or participants in the communication; and,

- g. Any actions taken by any Defendant as a result of the communication.
- 15. Identify the business name, address, and telephone number of all persons, companies, corporations, or other entities who provided local or long distance telephone services of any kind to Defendants' business, as well as identifying the telephone numbers and account numbers for each such local and long distance service provider.
- 16. Identify every single local or long distance telephone number used by Defendants in the course of their business/businesses or otherwise which is used, accessible, or made available at any time, to any employee, as well as identifying account numbers for each such local and long distance service provider.
- 17. Identify the full legal name, address, telephone, position, and title of all former employees of Defendants who in any manner were involved with the account of the Plaintiff.
- 18. Identify all lawsuits brought against Defendants at any time arising out its collection or attempted collection activities, and for any reason, by supplying the correct legal caption, the court file number, the jurisdiction, the date of filing, and the final disposition or current status.
- 19. Identify all legal claims, equitable claims, regulatory complaints, regulatory reports, arbitrations, mediations, in-court settlements, out-of-court settlements, or any other proceedings, formal or informal, Better Business Bureau, Commerce Department, or other regulatory complaints made against Defendants or their collection employees at any time arising out its collection or attempted collection activities, and for any reason, by supplying the correct caption (if any), the name(s) of the complaining party, the file number, the jurisdiction, the date of filing, and the final disposition or current status of the claim, complaint or proceeding.

#### REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

Pursuant to Rule 34 of the Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff requests that Defendants produce the documents described herein and permit Plaintiff's attorneys to inspect and copy such documents as they may desire:

- 1. Any and all documents identified, consulted, reviewed or referred to in Response to all sets of Plaintiffs' Interrogatories, Request for Admissions, and Requests for Statements.
- 2. Any and all documents summarizing, describing, instructing, detailing, or otherwise training any and all of Defendants' employees and agents in any and all of the following areas:
  - a. Collection policies;
  - b. Collection procedures;
  - c. Collection methods;
  - d. Collection techniques;
  - e. Collection tactics;
  - f. Collection rules;
  - g. Collection regulations; and
  - h. Compliance with local, state, or federal laws, codes, or regulations.
- 3. Any and all training, personnel, or other instruction manuals used by any and all collection personnel who are employed by or who are agents of Defendants or supervised by Defendants.
- 4. Any and all collection software manuals and/or instruction guides for each and every computer system, software package, software system, telephone system, electronic device, or non-electronic device used in any manner by Defendants in collecting debts.

- 5. Any and all documents related to or evidencing any and all lawsuits, legal claims, equitable claims, regulatory complaints, regulatory reports, arbitrations, mediations, incourt settlements, out-of-court settlements, or any other proceedings, formal or informal, to which any Defendant has been named as a witness or a party, that have existed or been brought with respect to or involving any Defendant, and which involved as all or part of their subject matter debt collection activities.
- 6. Any and all personnel files, human resource department records, employment files, and other documents including but not limited to all disciplinary notices, performance appraisals, written or verbal reprimands, incident reports, job applications, résumés, memos, and or electronic recordings of collection communications that were the subject of private or other complaints by any person, for every Defendant, person, employee, agent, assignee who collected or attempted to collect the alleged debt from the Plaintiff.
- 7. Any and all documents in the possession or control of the Defendants which any Defendant claims are in any way relevant to the subject matter of the instant lawsuit.
- 8. Any and all documents or recordings documenting, or otherwise tracking Defendants' attempts to collect a debt from Plaintiffs, including but not limited to:
  - a. Records of all inbound or outbound telephone calls, to or from any Plaintiff;
  - b. Records of all inbound or outbound United States mail, to or from any Plaintiff.
  - c. Records of all other inbound or outbound communication of whatever kind, to or from any Plaintiff.
- 9. Any and all printouts computer, mechanical or other reports printed, prepared, or otherwise created using any computer system, software package, software system, or other electronic or non-electronic device used in any manner by Defendants to collect debts, which include

- any Plaintiffs' name, address, telephone number(s), account number, or any other information which is personally identifiable to any Plaintiff.
- 10. A plain-English description or glossary for any and all lists, legends, codes, abbreviations, collector initials, or other non-obvious terms, words, or data contained in any of the documents produced above.
- 11. Exemplars of any and all orientation, new hire, or any other manual given to natural persons employed by any Defendant to collect debts at the commencement of that person's employment.
- 12. Exemplars of any and all documents of whatever kind given to natural persons employed by any Defendant to collect debts at the commencement of that person's employment.

#### REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF STATEMENTS

Pursuant to Rule 26 and 34 of the Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff demands that copies of the following be made available:

1. All statements made by parties and non-parties, which are in the possession or control of any Defendant(s), concerning the above action or its subject matter which are discoverable pursuant to the Rules of Civil Procedure.

#### **REQUEST FOR ADMISSIONS**

Pursuant to the Rules of Civil Procedure the Plaintiff demands that the following be admitted or denied:

- 1. The debt being collected is a consumer debt as defined by the FDCPA.
- 2. You are a "debt collector" as defined by the FDCPA.
- 3. You understand you are not allowed by the FDCPA to contact a third-party except to obtain location information.
- 4. You understand you can't contact third parties and inform them of the fact you are collecting a debt allegedly owed by Plaintiff.
- 5. At the time you contacted one or more third-parties, you already had Plaintiff's location information.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ John G. Watts

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## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

AMBER FOX, an individual,	
Plaintiff,	·
v. )	Civil Action No.:
COLLECTO, INC. d/b/a EOS CCA, a ) Corporation, )	
Defendant. )	

# NOTICE TO TAKE DEPOSITION OF 30(b)(6) CORPORATE REPRESENTATIVE OF COLLECTO, INC. d/b/a EOS CCA

Take notice, that the Plaintiff will take the deposition of the following entities or individuals pursuant to the Rules of Civil Procedure. The deponent(s) must bring all documents listed in this deposition notice and any attachments, and present the originals of these documents for inspection and copying at the deposition. The deposition will continue until completed.

DEPONANT: Corporate Representative of Collecto, Inc. d/b/a EOS CCA.

**DATE:** July 25, 2011

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Watts Law Group, P.C.

The Kress Building 301 19<sup>th</sup> Street North Birmingham, AL 35203

Please note that pursuant to the Rules of Civil Procedure 30(b)(5) & (6), this corporate

Defendant must designate an individual to testify as to the following matters:

- 1. The Defendant's investigation into the claims made by Plaintiff in his Complaint;
- 2. The methods, practices, techniques and strategies used by Defendant in training collection their collection employees;
- 3. The collection methods, practices, techniques and strategies used by Defendant in its efforts

- to collect debts from any person;
- 4. The management, supervision, and discipline of all Defendant's collection employees and agents;
- 5. The details and contents of all Defendant's personnel files of any person who was involved in any collection activities related to Plaintiff's alleged account;
- 6. The use of alias names by any Defendant and or employee of any Defendant in the collection of accounts;
- 7. All documentation methods, if any, whether computerized, manual, or other, of all activities undertaken by the Defendant or its employees or agents related to the collection of accounts;
- 8. The collection account records and notes pertaining to the alleged debt which was being collected by Defendant from Plaintiff and which is the subject matter of this lawsuit:
- 9. The telephone system(s), local and long distance services used by Defendant and its collection employees and agents in the course of their business or in the course of collecting accounts;
- 10. The phone systems of Defendant and any monitoring and recording of telephone calls;
- 11. The telephone system(s), local and long distance services used by Defendant and its employees or agents in the course of their business or in the course of collecting accounts;
- 12. The long distance telephone provider used to make calls relating to the herein account;
- 13. The factual basis for the Defendant's Answer;
- 14. The factual basis for the Defendant's defenses contained in their Answer;
- 15. The maintenance of procedures by Defendant to avoid violations of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act;
- 16. The Defendant's compliance with the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act in its collection

businesses;

- 17. All documents produced to Plaintiff by Defendant in the course of this case.
- 18. The general nature of the Defendant's businesses;
- 19. The history, specific details, and resolution of any formal and informal consumer-initiated complaints, Better Business Bureau Complaints, lawsuits, regulatory actions, claims, litigations, mediations, arbitrations, Commerce department actions, or other actions, legal or otherwise, connected to or arising out of Defendants' consumer debt collection activities, in the period from three (3) years prior to the date of this notice to the present.
- 20. Training and policies regarding third party contacts and threats of third party contacts.

#### **DUCES TECUM**

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, the designated representative(s) of Defendant must bring the following documents with them to the deposition:

1. All documents responsive to the Request for Production of Documents and documents related to the topics referenced above.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ John G. Watts

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 /s ANNE-MARIE ADAMS

 Date
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 By

 ☑ Certified mail is hereby requested
 /s JOHN GRIFFIN WATTS

 Plaintiff's/Attorney's Signature

 RETURN ON SERVICE:
 ☐ Return receipt of certified mail received in this office on

 ☐ I certify that I personally delivered a copy of the Summons and Complaint to
 ☐ County, Alabama on

 Date
 Server's Signature